

In re application of: Robert A. Luciano, Jr. and Raymond G. Bryan

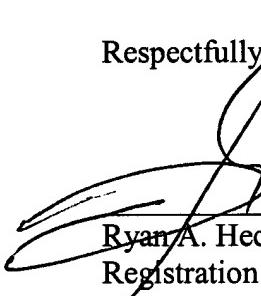
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CONCLUSION

The applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the application or this response, the examiner is
5 encouraged to call the applicants' attorney, Ryan A. Heck, at (775) 826-6160.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Applicants request the Office to enter the following amendments to claim 22:

- 5 22. (Amended) A tear bar system comprising:
- (A) a strip of media, the media comprising:
- (a) a surface;
- (b) a first side;
- (c) a second side;
- (d) a center portion between the first and second side; and
- (e) a plurality of perforations, the perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material;
- (B) a tear bar, the tear bar comprising:
- (a) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the media when a longitudinal force is applied to the media, wherein the first side portion comprises a tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the strip of media and [height of] the tear bar [de]increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first side of the strip of media towards the center portion of the strip of media;
- (b) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the media when a longitudinal force is applied to the media, wherein no portion of the tear bar between

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the first and second side portions is closer to the strip of media than the
first side portion; and

- [(c)] wherein the tear bar [and the strip of media are] remains in a fixed position
[relative to each other] during separation of the strip of media.